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The Coffin The Example

A new Worshipful Master in a small town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting. The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty. Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the Lodge was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Masonic burial. The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said.



Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral." In front of the Altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers. After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his Brethren to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead Lodge. Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "dead Lodge," all the Brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin. Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look. In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

Remember the obligation

A Living Mason

we all took. Attend and support your Lodge.

Source: Author Unknown



The Example

I would rather see a Mason, than hear one any day,
I would rather one would walk with me than merely show the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing,

Programs & Announcements

We are busy getting back in the groove! We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a safe and Happy New Year!

We need volunteers!

This month we will set up a scholarship committee. Any funds we raise might be matched by the Grand

Lodge. If you would like to work on this, **let us know.**

We are going to start making plans for the Past Masters Dinner. If you would like to volunteer for that, **let us know.**

Also need volunteers to set up the fund raising with the 3 restaurants we have iden-

tified that participate in this and find some more. If you are interested in working on this **let us know.**

Finally, if you have an idea for or would like to present a program for February's stated meeting, **let us know.**



And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. Genesis 1:3



From the East

Worshipful Master Elmer "Coke" Etgen

In closing a Lodge the Master admonishes us; "Brethren, you are now to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the world".

In my mind, Freemasonry is a sacred retreat away from the outside world where we live our day-to-day lives. The Lodge is meant to be different from that world. In that outside world men are separated by politics, religion, property,

money, status and you-name-it; in the Lodge that is all cast away, we meet on the level. In that outside world men solicit members into their clique; in the Lodge we do not, (we didn't use to). The Lodge should not be a clique and we should not have cliques in the Lodge. In that outside world men are egotistical, materialistic, domineering, and self serving; in the Lodge we experience the death of the ego, the materialism, the urge to

dominate, the selfishness and realize the birth of the spirit, the spirit of Freemasonry (or, as they say in the military, esprit de corps). In that outside world men are too busy to join and be active in a fraternity; in the Lodge some men, somehow, find that they really do have time for their Lodge, for Freemasonry; others just fade away and contribute nothing and get nothing from their Lodge, or from Freemasonry.

"The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race"

Washington



Penny for Your Thoughts: A Message From the West

Senior Warden James Urban

As the time has come to dedicate and devote yourself to new endeavors and new challenges that accompanies this time of year, I challenge you to include in your list of resolutions something to your blue lodge. Whether that is something as simple as making floor practice consistently, doing your best

job on a degree team or during a meeting, or accepting a challenge to complete your LIFE program or pursuing a teaching certificate in the esoteric work. Remember, it starts with today. So with the new year, consider which resolutions you plan on making and work to achieve those masonic res-

olutions you intend on making. If you need any advice on following through with these masonic endeavors, let me know, as I am always willing to help with a challenge you wish to achieve.



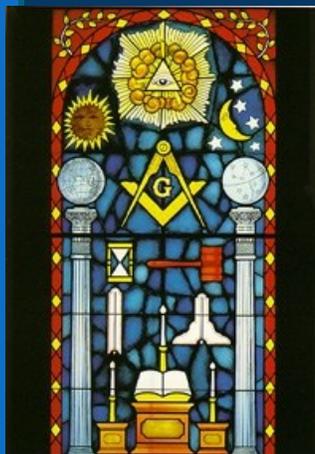
From the South

Junior Warden Glen Fant - Personal New Year's Resolutions for 2013

1. Improve Ritual work. Call District Instructors to assist with upcoming degrees – remember: a candidate's first impression of Freemasonry comes with his Initiation in the EA Degree. Help candidates and brothers to learn the work in a gentle and friendly manner.
2. Further your Masonic Education. Knowledge, light and wisdom are divine gifts.
3. Attend a Warden's retreat

4. Visit local lodges in the district. Meet new brothers. What is working in their lodges that could improve your own lodge?
5. Attend more floor practices and take an active part. Suggest ways to improve. Attend floor practice at another lodge; there is a wealth of knowledge all over our dis-

6. Know our masonic widows, and help a distressed worthy brother when he needs your help. Know who is in the hospital. Send a card or gift when able. Pick up a brother who has trouble driving after dark. Invite a brother you have not seen in Lodge for several months to come with you to Lodge. Attend masonic funerals when possible.



"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

Benjamin Franklin



From the Secretary Jerry Hendrick
Taking Care of Business

Beginning this month, dues are officially PAST DUE. I know that the holiday take a hit on the bank account but, we need to get the dues paid up as soon as possible. Let me know if you are having problems and we can work something

out. Remember, if you want to visit other lodges, you must have a current dues card. If you have paid your dues and have not received your card, please let me know at the next stated meeting. To our endowed

members, as funds are tight, please consider a donation to the lodge to cover per capita. Currently per capita is set at \$25



From the Senior Deacon Kevin Rush
Visiting Brothers & Prospects

Well, on December 4, we finally got the world traveler, Hayden Baldock RAISED! Pictures next month.

Last month we had the following guests attend our stated meeting: Roland Martin, DDGM. PM, John Berry, PM

Crosbyton Lodge; Joe Martinez, PM, American Canadian Lodge, Germany; Tony Ramey, Mackenzie Lodge; and Ryan Malwitz, Composite Lodge 499, Roseville, MI.

What do you want to do in the next Masonic Year? Do you want to be

an officer? Now is a good time to be thinking about your potential leadership position in the lodge.



Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Mark Twain



From the Senior Steward Alan Jolly
Food, Flowers & Frolic

Happy New Year to all! 2013 is all but upon us – how the time flies. Last meeting I underestimated how quickly the pizza would be consumed and those who were not at the lodge early had some slim pickings. Truth be known a couple

of the brothers did the most damage... I won't name names because I'd hate for Heath, Tony or Justin to have their feelings hurt. Please make time to attend our stated meeting. The food is always good but the best part of

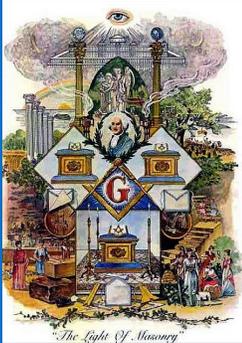
lodge is the time spent with our brothers. I'll keep the coffee hot for you.



Upcoming Menu for January:

**Fried Chicken with all the trimmings
Mashed Potatoes and gravy,
Green Beans and Bread.**

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but example's always clear.

And the best of all the Masons are the men who live their creeds,
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

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I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done,
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live

Source: Author Unknown



A Living Mason

His name is John. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He was the top of his class. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Mason recently while attending college. After moving to his new town, he finds down the street from his new apartment is a well dressed, very conservative

Lodge.

One day John decides to go there after work. He walks in with shoes, jeans, his work shirt, and long hair. The Lodge has already started and so John starts looking for a seat. The Lodge is completely packed and he can't find a seat.

By now the Brethren are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything. John gets closer and closer to the East and, when he realizes there are no seats, he squats down right on the carpet. (Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this Lodge before!)

By now the Brethren are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick. About this time, the Secretary realizes that from way at the back of the Lodge, a Past Master is slowly making his way toward John.

Now the Past Master is in his eighties, has silver-grey hair, and a three-piece suit. A good man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid in the Lodge?

It takes a long time for the

man to reach the boy. The Lodge is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can't even hear anyone breathing. The Secretary can't even continue with the "Minutes" until the Past Master does what he has to do.

And now the Lodge watches as this elderly man drops his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to John and welcomes him so he won't be alone.

When the Secretary gains control, he says, "What I'm about to say, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget.

Be careful how you live.. You may be the only Mason some people will ever Meet."

Source: 1999 - from the International Shrine Clown Association, ISCA, e-mail list

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Lubbock 1392 in Action



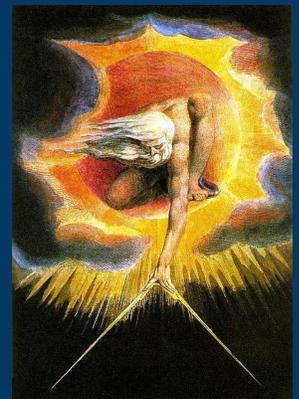
Officer Installation from the 2012 Grand Lodge of Texas



2013 DDGM for 93A, Roland Martin of Crosbyton



From old to new—changing the portrait of the Grand Master



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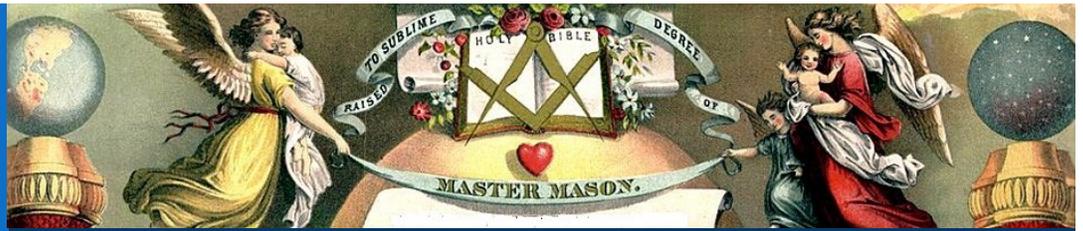
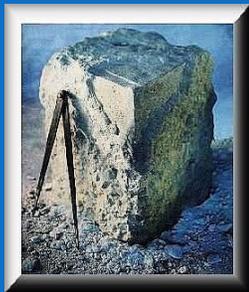
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Meetings:
Second Friday of each
month, 7:30 p.m.
Meal: 6:30pm

Floor School:
Every Tuesday @ 7p.m.

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Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth

This Month's Sickness & Distress



**Michael Bruns
Bob Clark
Family of Bro. H. Norman Schwarzkopf who passed
December 28, 2012**



Please take the time to visit our sick and distressed; send them cards or call them on the phone, and be sure to keep them in your prayers.
If you know of sickness or distress with a brother or his family, please let us know.

This Month's Brothers & Birthdays

**Bill D. Hart 1/9
Bobby Claud Cook 1/15
John L. Cross 1/18**

**John J. Osborn 1/25
Ravi Dani 1/29
George R. Flickinger 1/31**

The Quarry: Our Esoteric Work By Bro. Joe Sanders

"Out with the Old: In with the New"

This trite statement could be of great significance under certain circumstances.

One key to this is to abolish complacency. Complacency toward the learning of the esoteric work and the lectures breeds negativism and nonchalance in Masonry. Without a keen interest in ones' improving his mastery of these areas, what is the objective of having "Floor Class"?

Complacency leads to a great sigh of relief!

Case in point: At the 2012 Grand Communication, Resolution # 9, pertaining to Art. 276,a,2 passed. This removes the incentive to complete the LIFE program by Past Masters who have never done so. Gone is the pressure. But what about the effectiveness of the lodge? What about the example that this attitude sets for the younger members of the lodge? How can enthusiasm for floor class be fomented if there are no leaders from the "older" members? The recent classes that were held in Abilene and Amarillo were very beneficial to people whose occupations preclude spending an inordinate

amount of time to "book study."

Remember a statement made to the Entered Apprentice in the Charge pertaining to learning the "work"? The same can be applied to all Masons. The District Instructor is the focal point for this learning. Regardless of lodge name or lodge number, if any lodge desires to improve, CALL YOUR DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR! If the area for learning involves the LIFE program, communicate with your Lodge Counselor. A pitfall for any lodge is to have a floor class led by those who have not mastered the esoteric work. If the leader is not proficient, he teaches inefficiency.

The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it."

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